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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: ITT Knowledge About Covert U. S. Government
Activities in Chile

1. Some aspects of U. S. Government covert involvement in [REDACTED] 1970 presidential elections were known to ITT officials, although an effort was made in Chile during 1970 to disabuse Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that this was so as regards the 1970 elections.

2. On 17 July 1970 Mr. Harold S. Geneen, at that time Chairman and President of ITT, met with Mr. Broe after a telephone call from Mr. John McCone to the DCI.

[REDACTED] In the course of explaining to Mr. Geneen that the U. S. Government could not serve as a funding channel in 1970 for similar private U.S. business funds as Mr. Geneen was requesting, Mr. Broe then explained that "the U. S. Government was not supporting any candidate but was most anxious that Allende not be elected and were taking steps in this regard". Mr. Geneen replied he doubted that "this type of operation (spoiling) was very often successful".

3. On 27 July 1970, Mr. Broe told Mr. Geneen that he had received information from Santiago that, with advice of our Chief of Station, a representative of ITT had made contact with [REDACTED] and arrangements had been made for ITT to pass funds to ALESSANDRI through the mechanism set up by [REDACTED]. Mr. Geneen was advised that in the opinion of our Chief of Station this funding mechanism was being handled most professionally.

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4. On 29 September 1970 Mr. E. J. Gerrity of ITT, reporting to Mr. Geneen on a conversation that day with Mr. Broe, quoted Mr. Broe as having "indicated that certain steps were being taken but that he was looking for additional help aimed at inducing [REDACTED] (in Chile)".

5. In a number of instances during this period, the Chief of Station Santiago gave the impression to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the U. S. Government was not involved covertly in the elections and on 8 September Headquarters instructed the [REDACTED] to disabuse [REDACTED] of Embassy and Washington involvement in any kind of plan to deny Allende the presidency.

6. [REDACTED]

7. Attached are selected pages from the history of the 1964 election [REDACTED] which show how the U. S. Government avoided working with private U. S. companies interested in funding activities at that time.

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